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TAGS: PINT, SY, LE, PLO

SUBJECT: SYRIAN PRESS ON ROCKET ATTACKS IN BEIRUT

1. SYRIAN PRESS, DECEMBER 11, FOLLOWS PLO LINE IN BOTH  
ARTICLES AND EDITORIALS TO EFFECT THAT GOI IS CULPRIT BEHIND  
ROCKET ATTACKS ON PLO OFFICES IN BEIRUT.

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2. AL-THAWRA EDITORIAL COMPARES THIS OPERATION WITH THE "VERDUN OPERATION" TO ASSASSINATE PLO LEADERS LAST YEAR SAYING THAT WHILE LAST YEAR'S ATTACK TOOK PLACE AT TIME WHEN ISRAEL WAS ASSURED OF HER PRE-EMINENCE IN AREA, CURRENT ATTACK OCCURED AT TIME ISRAEL IN "STATE OF PANIC." EDITORIAL POINTS OUT THAT VERDUN OPERATION WAS AGAINST INDIVIDUALS AND "INDIVIDUAL LIVES CAN BE ENDED, BUT WITH THESE ROCKET ATTACKS ON PALESTINE RESEARCH CENTER GOI TRIED TO ASSASSINATE WHAT CANNOT BE ASSASSINATED - IDEAS AND IDEOLOGY OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. EDITOR ALSO NOTES THAT ISRAEL FAILS TO REALIZE THAT SUCH ATTACKS INCREASE - NOT DEMINISH - DETERMINATION OF PALESTINIANS TO FIGHT ISRAELIS.

3. AL-BAATH SAYS "SECOND VERDUN OPERATION FAILED". EMPHASIS OF ARTICLE IS THAT ROCKET ATTACK WAS ATTEMPT PROVOKE TROUBLE BETWEEN PALESTINIANS AND GOL BUT THAT SUCH ATTACKS ONLY STRENGTHEN SOLIDARITY BETWEEN TWO PARTIES. MURPHY

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